



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB); Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities as outlined in the section on Matters to Be Considered.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT and Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 9 to 5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Consortium for Ocean Leadership, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 420, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The OEAB will discuss the following topics: (1) reauthorization of ocean exploration legislation; (2) administration activities in support of ocean exploration, including the National Ocean Partnership Program, the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, executive order implementation, and Blue Economy actions; (3) the NOAA fleet plan, including Okeanos Explorer end-of-life planning and ocean exploration platform options; (4) OER updates, including the new Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration and the OER program review; (5) the OEAB five-year self-assessment; and (6) other matters as described in the agenda. The agenda and other meeting materials are available on the OEAB web site at <http://oeab.noaa.gov>.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public with a 15-minute public comment period on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 11:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT (please check the final

agenda on the website to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Dial-in information may be found on the meeting agenda posted to the OEAB website.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by July 24, 2019 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after July 24, 2019 will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Designated Federal Officer by July 24, 2019.

Dated: June 28, 2019.

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